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DURING GERMAN PRESIDENCY

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BEGIN SUMMARY: PER DEPT'S REQUEST AND BARBIS/KAPLAN
TELECON, THIS MESSAGE REPORTS ON PRESENT FRG PLANNING
FOR EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF
1974. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE THAT TIME TABLE FOR
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POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IS FAR MORE FLUID THAN FOR EC

COUNCIL MEETINGS (REFTEL). END SUMMARY

1. SUMMIT MEETINGS. EC COPENHAGEN SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE (PARA 3) PROVIDED THAT THE EC PRESIDENCY WOULD CONVENE SUMMIT MEETINGS WHEN JUSTIFIED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES OR REQUIRED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION (COPENHAGEN 3189). IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE MEETINGS WOULD OCCUR ON A SEMIANNUAL BASIS. THE FRG WISHES TO CONVENE SUCH AN EC SUMMIT AT SCHLOSS GYMnich (NEAR BONN) IN LATE MAY. SOME EC PARTNERS WISH TO HOLD MEETING IN JUNE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTERS. PURSUANT TO THE SECOND DAVIGNON REPORT, FOREIGN MINISTERS CONVENE REGULARLY ON A QUARTERLY BASIS FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. DURING GERMAN PRESIDENCY, THESE FORMIN MEETINGS ARE PLANNED FOR FEB 14 AND MAY 13-14. IN ADDITION, THE EC-9 FORMIN'S ARE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS POLITICAL TOPICS ON THE MARGINS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS (I.E., EC COUNCIL OR NATO MEETINGS) OR AT SPECIAL AD HOC MEETINGS.

3. POLITICAL COMMITTEE. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE EC-9 FOREIGN OFFICES MEET ON A REGULAR MONTHLY BASIS AND, ALSO AS REQUIRED, ON A SPECIAL AD HOC BASIS. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEB 6-7. REGULAR MEETINGS ALSO WILL TAKE PLACE IN BONN IN MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE BUT NO DATES ARE YET FIXED.

4. EXPERT WORKING GROUPS. THE NINE HAVE ESTABLISHED SEVERAL REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS WHICH MEET AS REQUIRED TO DEAL WITH CURRENT PROBLEMS. THESE WG'S INVOLVE EXCHANGES OF VIEW AND, IF POSSIBLE, HARMONIZATION AND COORDINATION OF EC-9 POSITIONS. THE MAIN WG'S ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) CSCE. THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST ACTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL WG. IT NOW MEETS ON A VERY INTENSIVE BASIS, SOMETIMES EVEN DAILY AT GENEVA.

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(B) MIDEAST. THIS WG WAS FOUNDED SHORTLY AFTER THE BEGINNING OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AND PRODUCED A BASIC PAPER ON THE OVERALL MIDEAST SITUATION IN THE SPRING OF 1971. AFTER THE PAPER LEAKED TO THE PRESS, THEREBY CAUSING A SERIOUS DISPUTE BETWEEN PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH AND THE GERMANS, THE MIDEAST GROUP BECAME RATHER INACTIVE. THE MIDEAST WG AGAIN BECAME VERY ACTIVE FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF THE OCT, 1973 WAR.

IT PRODUCED NOV 6 DECLARATION AND PRESENTLY ISNGAGED
IN A NUMBER OF STUDIES (SEE BONN 1134). MIDEAST
WG MEETS AGAIN JAN 24 AND RECENTLY HAS BEEN MEETING
ABOUT EVERY TWO WEEKS.

(C) ASIA. THIS WG WAS ESTABLISHED EARLY 1973 TO
DEAL WITH EC POSITION ON AID QUESTIONS FOLLOWING VIETNAM
PEACE AGREEMENT. THE WG ALSO HAS DEALT WITH,
INTER ALIA, KOREA AND RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. THE ASIA
WG'S FIRST MEETING THIS YEAR IS SCHEDULED FOR JAN 29.

(D) MEDITERRANEAN. THIS WG, THE THIRD TO BE ESTAB-

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LISHED, HAS BEEN ABOLISHED AS COMMUNITY ORGANS ARE DEALING WITH " GLOBAL APPROACH" AND AS THE NINE WERE UNABLE TO FIND AGENDA ITEMS ON WHICH THEY COULD AGREE.

(E) GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS. THIS GROUP OF FONOFF DIRECTORS/COORDINATORS FOR EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS MEETS AS REQUIRED ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS; THEY ARE THE CORE WORKING LEVEL EXPERTS ON EUROPEAN POLITICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEGRATION. GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF U.S./EC DECLARATION EXERCISE, THE CORRESPONDENTS HAVE FORMED THE BASIC WG ON THIS TOPIC AND MEET QUITE FREQUENTLY.

(F) SOVIET/EE EXPERTS WILL MEET JAN 28 TO CONSIDER IMPACT OF WEST EUROPEAN UNIFICATION ON SOVIET/EC RELATIONS AND ON RUSSIAN POLICY TOWARD WESTERN EUROPE. WE UNDERSTAND FRG AND UK HOPE THIS AD HOC MEETING WILL DEVELOP INTO A PERMANENT WG, BUT OTHER EC PARTNERS ARE MORE RELUCTANT ON THIS SCORE.

(G) OTHER WG'S. THERE ARE PLANS TO ESTABLISH OTHER REGIONAL WG'S ON AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA AND PERHAPS OTHER TOPICS. A WG OF POLICY PLANNERS MAY ALSO BE ESTABLISHED. LEGAL EXPERTS WILL MEET THIS MONTH IN BONN CONCERNING THE UPCOMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. AD HOC GROUP MEETINGS CONVEENE WHENEVER REQUIRED; ONE EXAMPLE WAS THE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH.

(H) MBFR. LAST SPRING, A WORKING GROUP DEALT BRIEFLY WITH MBFR UNTIL THE FRENCH BLOCKED FURTHER WORK. THIS WORK MAY RESUME (SEE BONN 734).

5. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE INSTITUTIONS, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE IS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "CRISIS MANAGEMENT" PRACTICES. THESE ARE SPELLED OUT IN BONN 682 - PARA 3.
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